

According to available information the percentage of funds allocated to Elementary Education in the Central and State/UT Budgets of Education Departments during the last three years is as follows :

1993-94	46%
1994-95	47%
1995-96	47%

This pattern is likely to be maintained during the current year.

(c) The Centrally sponsored Schemes of Operation Blackboard Non-formal Education, National Programme of Nutritional Support for Primary Education (commonly known as Mid-Day Meals Programme) and District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) have augmented the efforts of the State Governments for promotion and development of primary education. The introduction of Minimum Levels of Learning at the primary level is expected to bring about an improvement in achievement levels of learners.

Adult Education

*516. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the States where Adult Education Scheme is being implemented at present;

(b) the expenditure incurred under the above scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons benefited, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding misappropriation of funds;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(f) whether the Government have increased the allocation of funds therefor during 1997-98; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The particulars of States where the National Literacy Mission is implementing various schemes under Adult Education and the amounts released during the last three years are given in the attached Statement-I.

(c) A statement II is attached.

(d) and (e) No established cases of misappropriation have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(f) and (g) The allocation for Adult Education Programmes for the year 1997-98 is Rs. 127.00 crores. There is no proposal to increase the allocation at present.

Statement-I

(Rupees in lakhs)

S. No.	State/UT	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1370.68	884.21	1081.06
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	71.56	25.63	20.72
3.	Assam	1159.04	361.09	194.29
4.	Bihar	1628.87	1977.84	1062.52
5.	Goa	11.59	5.95	3.32
6.	Gujarat	884.50	262.98	458.78
7.	Haryana	243.01	175.31	57.12
8.	Himachal Pradesh	109.15	26.43	49.18
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	190.40	132.70	50.47
10.	Karnataka	1041.84	319.58	350.16
11.	Kerala	57.32	7.00	537.97
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2821.52	977.67	548.58
13.	Maharashtra	1024.55	1153.63	432.83
14.	Manipur	72.67	17.62	20.63
15.	Meghalaya	29.08	127.74	112.45
16.	Mizoram	16.42	2.29	0.57
17.	Nagaland	39.73	47.81	56.90
18.	Orissa	606.36	801.36	310.13
19.	Punjab	277.61	370.34	135.00
20.	Rajasthan	1745.00	1681.76	1304.62
21.	Sikkim	11.22	—	11.22
22.	Tamilnadu	1594.58	1212.48	261.21
23.	Tripura	6.77	0.10	4.37
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2505.58	889.01	943.27
25.	West Bengal	1583.69	308.40	728.11
26.	Chandigarh	25.62	20.12	41.37

1	2	3	4	5
27. Delhi		120.77	322.58	158.57
28. Pondicherry		—	—	—
29. Daman & Diu		0.56	0.56	—
30. Andaman & Nicobar		12.15	8.12	12.56
31. D&N Haveli		0.83	—	—
32. Lakshadweep		7.41	1.62	4.32
Total :		19032.31	12121.93	8852.66

Statement-II

S.No.	State/UT	Persons made literate
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7641434
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	59612
3.	Assam	1080861
4.	Bihar	4273168
5.	Goa	71237
6.	Gujarat	6013535
7.	Haryana	285743
8.	Himachal Pradesh	511070
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	163892
10.	Karnataka	3963218
11.	Kerala	1560152
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4542980
13.	Maharashtra	5067075
14.	Manipur	67371
15.	Meghalaya	84225
16.	Mizoram	61919
17.	Nagaland	63123
18.	Orissa	2107023
19.	Punjab	553922
20.	Rajasthan	2566498
21.	Sikkim	13604
22.	Tamilnadu	5974839
23.	Tripura	174130

1	2	3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	5911311
25.	West Bengal	8625496
26.	A&N Islands	14492
27.	Chandigarh	40404
28.	D&N Haveli	7293
29.	Daman & Diu	3451
30.	Delhi	378754
31.	Lakshadweep	986
32.	Pondicherry	99965
Total :		61982783

Purchase of Artifacts

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PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned 'Dubious Artifacts worth crores find way into National Museum' appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated March 15, 1997;

(b) if so, the details and the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMALI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In this news item, a number of allegations have been made against the National Museum regarding the purchase of art objects. The National Museum acquires art objects for its collection only on the recommendations on an Art Acquisition Committee, constituted by Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development, consisting of eminent experts of national and international repute in the field of art and culture.

The National Museum has a fully equipped conservation laboratory with expert conservators and scientists. While acquiring the art object, scientific examination is always conducted by them recommendation regarding the genuineness of the art objects, they are acquired.

Besides, after the acquisition, a detailed study of the art objects is always undertaken by the Curators of the National Museum. Most of them are experts in their